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Cover Photo

You probably couldn't guess what made this Methodist youth step into a bus station phone booth to call a fellow she knows. To find out you'll have to see the new film "Four To Go." Read about it on page 5.

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ON CONVERTS

Sirs:

I have been asked to gather as much factual material as possible on Roman Catholics who have become active members of Protestant churches. Pastors are invited to send me (at 163 Greenway Rd., Glen Rock, N. J.) either brief accounts of Roman Catholics who have become Protestants or the names and addresses of members of their churches who have been Roman Catholics.

Stanley I. Stuber, N. J.

SMEARING AND SO

Sirs:

The item on "Smearing without clearing" (CONCERN, 2 April) is directly responsible for the request that the writer be permitted to be part of the nation-wide team of CONCERN's representatives.

It so happens that, without question in my mind, I am one of the one million Americans who's name appears in the files of the Velde committee; for, in years past, I have been compelled through certain coercive acts of federal officials to become involved to such an extent that considerable correspondence has become, and still is a burdensome and unpleasant indulgent.

In further reference to Claud Nelson's article in CONCERN, I too am concerned about "McCarthy's horse."

—*Alan H. Davis*, Wisc.

A SERVICEMAN SPEAKS

Sirs:

For some time now, I have found myself becoming more aware of a problem which I believe is more than vital to Methodist youth, that is, our church's attitude toward men in the service. What do our leaders really do to help the service man over the hum he faces?

Before my recent marriage, my bri was advised by more than one ministe and one youth worker to forget me b cause service men were never a good.

Shortly before entering the servic while on a Methodist Youth Carava I found the youth I worked with ve understanding of my desire to go in pilot training, but many of the mini ters and counselors almost threw their hands in horror. It is this id that men in uniform are "no good" th makes adjustment very difficult f service men.

In a recent letter, an army frie of mine expressed his desire for sh ping orders to get him away from t civilian attitude. He made a point mentioning "Even at church."

It seems to me, that if Methodi is going to take its place and b this attitude, it is going to be nec sary to start at the top. If natio youth leaders advise persons that "m in the service are no good" what c we expect of our laymen; and what actions can we expect from servi men with a not too good a church ba ground.

I am familiar with the servicema packet, and other things published our church. This appears to be growing problem and should have tention.

Charles H. Burlingame, Lt. US

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egation banned, rcement delayed

a historic decision handed down 17, the U. S. Supreme Court un- usly declared illegal any racial gation in public schools, but de- until fall any plans of enforce- he ruling. States affected will ome time before federal authori- equire an end to all segregation. f Justice Warren read the sig- nt decision to a packed but hush- llery of spectators. The court n read: "We conclude that in the f public education the doctrine arate but equal (SIC) has no Separate educational facilities herently unequal."

ruling does not require any iate major changes in the seg- d educational systems. The U. S. ey general and the chief law en- ment officers of all states in- l have been invited to appear be- he Court this fall to decide when w to make the decision effective. ourt said it will consider later er it can ease the impact of its on by permitting "an effective al adjustment."

ctions to the announcement were and strong. Georgia Governor an Talmadge, one of the most oken supporters of segregation, hat the Court's decision had re- the Constitution to "a mere scrap per." Talmadge said the decision blatantly ignored all law and pre- and usurped from the congress

NEWS

Segregation is required by laws in the District of Columbia and 17 states —Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Segregation is permitted in varying degrees in four states—Wyoming, Kansas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

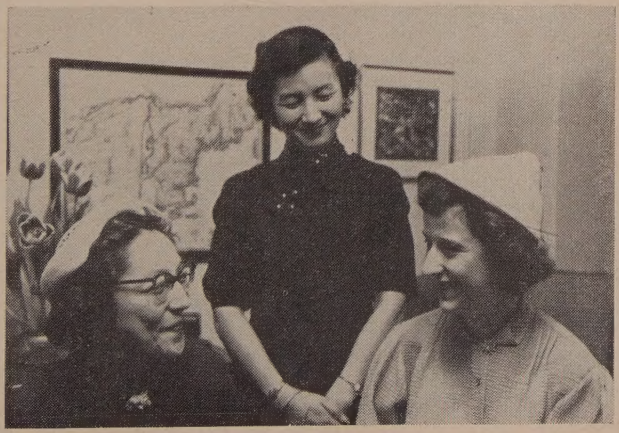
Segregation is prohibited in 13 states —Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

There is no specific legislation on segregation in the remaining 14 states.

and the people the power to amend the Constitution and from congress the authority to make the laws of the land." Senator Richard Russell of Georgia termed it "a flagrant abuse of judicial power," said questions of segregation should be decided by the lawmakers, not the courts.

J. M. Hinton, president of the South Carolina National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said "Christianity and democracy have been given a great place in America through the elimination of segregation in public schools, and communism has lost a talking point."

Although the ruling was confined to



r e e outstanding women get ac- ed after a meet- of the women's ittee of the Japan Foundation. Mrs. Akamatsu is the of the pastor of ew York Japanese dist Church, Mrs. iichi Fujiyama's nd is an official Japan Consulate al's office in New and Miriam Cor- is a Methodist leader in Wil- on, Del.

the question of the segregation of Negro pupils in public schools, it will have obvious applications to the exclusion from public schools of any minority group — orientals, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and so on.

This decision is the latest in a series of Court rulings wiping out legal restrictions on Negroes. In previous cases the Supreme Court ruled that colleges must admit Negroes to study professional courses not open to them in Negro schools, ruled that Negroes may not be excluded from train and bus coaches operated in interstate travel, and ruled that Negroes may not be barred from eating in restaurants in the District of Columbia.

Focus on future brings an answer

It is not easy to see into the future for no matter how we focus the lens of life, the picture is often blurred and indefinite.

This is especially true when we try to look ahead to college for the obstacles are tremendous and the road seems long and hard. Should I go to college? If so, should I go to a Methodist college or a state university? What financial help is available through the church? Will I be eligible for scholarship and what are the possibilities of borrowing money through the Board of Education?

These questions and many others serve to obscure our vision as we attempt to focus on our educational future, however, the outlook is more hopeful when one realizes that the Board of Education of The Methodist Church does sponsor a loan ar scholarship program that is availab to any qualified student.

Foremost among the scholarships the United States are the Nation Methodist Scholarships. These awar are available, in limited numbers, all accredited Methodist colleges a universities of the nation. The schola ship covers tuition and fees up to $4 per year and may be renewed for second year upon the recommendati of school authorities. They are awar ed on the basis of outstanding lead ship ability, promise of usefulne superior academic achievement, act churchmanship, character, personal and need. Awards are not restricted pre-ministerial candidates. All th who meet the basic requirements eligible to apply, irrespective of th vocational choices.

Over 3,500 of these scholarships h been granted during the past ei years and with the increase of Met dist Student Day contributions it hoped that this number will be gre increased for future students.

The Methodist Student Loan F represents a second type of finan aid offered by the church. Any stud who is a degree candidate in an credited college or university (ei Methodist or non-Methodist) is elig to borrow providing he has bee Methodist for at least one year, h grade of "C" or better, gives evid of usefulness, Christian character, financial responsibility. A maximu $1500 can be borrowed from this F throughout the student's educati career, the full amount to be repai equal monthly installments withi

Methodist scholarship holders at Denver U. are active campus leaders. Walter Benesch, Norma Jean Cecil, Robert Kendall, Peggy Metzger, Beverly Dotson and Helen Hill mail invitations to the Colorado-Wyoming Methodist Conference to be held June 15-20 at Denver U.

od of six years after completing time school attendance.

er 75,000 students have been as- d by this program during the past ears, and students needing emer- y loans are invited to apply. Mean- e, the observance of Methodist ent Day in your local church will guarantee the availability of loans scholarships for future use.

r further information, write to the artment of Student Loans and larships, General Board of Educa- P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

—BY STANLEY MARTIN

w color film s to witness

story and a message in Christian ess that youth will appreciate and rstand is the new color motion pic- "Four To Go."

ist released, the film was prepared use in the church-wide emphasis evangelism for youth. It is an im- ant tool in the Youth Emphasis e to increase MYF membership by 000 youth.

urpose of the film is to lead Christ- youth to an awareness of and ern for the needs of unchurched ng people, to the conviction that stianity is the answer to their ls, to motivate young people to wit- for Christ especially through visi- on evangelism, and to help pre- Christian youth for this task by onstrating effective methods of ation.

roduced by Methodism, the film is designed for interdenominational use. "Four To Go" is a story about youth who set out to do something about winning the unchurched of their town to Christ and the church. Marty is devoted to the church but is not sure that she can do any Christian witnessing, especially not through direct visitation evangelism. Marty was in the bus station leaving town when something happened that helped her see the meaning of a Christian witness. She stepped into the phone booth (see cover) and made a call that changed her ideas and plans.

See "Four To Go." Use it in Christian witness missions, in rallies and meetings, in summer camps and assemblies.

The film is produced for Tidings, agency of the General Board of Evangelism, by the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church and the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, and is distributed through the Methodist Publishing House. In black and white prints, film rental is $4 per day or $10 per week. Color prints rent for $6 a day or $15 a week. Purchase price of the movie is $125 in color and $75 in black and white. It runs 14 minutes.

"Four To Go" will be presented on television in the fall, and film will be available for local television broadcast.

Order the film from the nearest branch of the Methodist Publishing House. Inquiries about its use may be directed to Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

ashville staffer ard Ellis and pro- r-director Al Crews ht) work with the of "Four To Go." e story.) Stockton gle, Geana Lane xt to Ellis), Les dy, and Betty Clay- appear in the open- scene of the new r film in youth ngelism.

on liquor ads

I know you don't need to be reminded of the many ill effects of drinking alcoholic beverages; I know you are familiar with the statistics concerning drunken and drinking drivers, broken homes, character defects due to liquor. . . . I doubt if the wet interests appearing before you attempt to convince you that the legislation should be defeated because of the good effects of drinking on individuals and the nation. They may in one instance; by telling you that $2,000,000,000 of U. S. income for 1953 was from taxes on liquor. But they don't go on to tell you that this is a very unimposing 3% of the government's total income, and further that this sum could be saved in areas of expenditure such as health, welfare, and the judiciary without so much liquor on the loose.

The liquor interests tell you they provide many concerns (bottling, transportation, etc.) with business. So does Coca-Cola, and it doesn't have an additional tale to tell of how many men's ambitions have been ruined so in youth that they never make it into business at all. This kind of personal damage is hard to dig out of statistical tables.

We realize that the Bryson Bill is not aimed at getting rid of liquor itself. The recent history of the United States certainly shows us that this end is not to be successfully accomplished through prohibition legislation. But, there are means by which the youth of today can be given a freedom of choice in the matter of drinking; can be given the right **not** to drink. This means is the Bryson Bill.

Advertising is a great American institution. When a good ad

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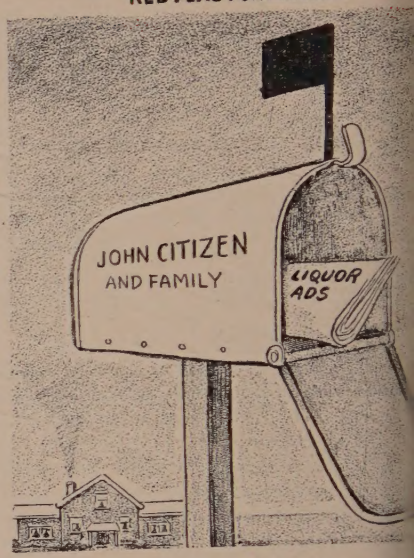

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Methodist youth support it.

— RICHARD THOMPSON, *testify before House Committee on Interst and Foreign Commerce, May 20.*

'Lest we forget'

esteryear we celebrated Decoration
flags in the breeze, flowers fresh
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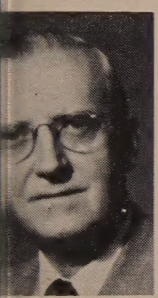
y of mourning, though the flags will be at half-mast; it is a day to ponder upon the weaknesses of men that make the increasing horrors of war possible amid the beauty and plenty and the possible joy of our Father's world. It is a day for each to consecrate his life and his every resource for the peace can be man's. It is a day of t-searching, of remembrance of failure (for every war comes n the failure of man's higher and er nature), and of resolve that this and curse shall not be passed down ur children and their children.



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drove Lincoln to his immortal
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: "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . ."

"Lest we forget" (when the bands play, and the flags wave) . . . In the War Between the States, the total deaths are estimated at 493,313. In World War I, the U.S.A. lost 126,000 sons; and the world (both sides) 8,538,315 killed and died. In World War II, U.S.A. deaths were 407,828; and the world's loss of life was at least 15,000,000. In the "police action" in Korea, U.S.A. deaths totalled 25,604.

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"Lest we forget" . . . We cannot visualize 15,000,000 graves, each with its cross—or unmarked. But your neighbor's sons is there—or your own. He was going to be a physician, bringing healing to many. Here also lie potential tillers of the soil, poets, ministers, scientists, discoverers of new truths, musicians, educators, civic leaders, missionaries to hungry millions. The world is the poorer without them. "The captains and the kings depart"—but are their successors intent on peace—waging peace — today; or are they drawing maps and designs for greater wars with more terrible machines, and more awful toll of sons?

"Lest we forget" . . . In wealth that could have fed all the world's hungry, given every child an education, and housed comfortable every family on earth, the U.S.A. (alone) spent 350 billions of dollars for direct costs and to equip allies in World War II. The waste of America's natural resources was appalling: more than the total of 50 years of normal consumption.

"Lest we forget" . . . "Drunk with power," "wild tongues," hate, greed, failure to share, fear, injustice, discrimination and other sins are still the basic causes of war. Have men or nations any program to cleanse hearts and lives from these sins?

Let us each here highly resolve—this Day of Remembrance and Dedication — that we will ponder the lesson from these our dead; that we wi earnestly pray and seek to rid our pe sonal lives of these wrongs presse down upon our brothers; and that w will work without ceasing to help mak earth a garden of peace, fit habitatio for the sons of God.

—BY W. W. RE

What's doing

Remember the birthday

Put a red circle around June 6. That day is the birthday of the Christian church. You'll find the account in Acts, the second chapter. It is a really thrilling story of how a discouraged, defeated band of the followers of Jesus was gathered together in prayer when a stunning experience came to the group. Some heard a noise "like the rush of a mighty wind" while they saw "tongues as of fire." It was an experience of deep spiritual meaning for those who attended that first century prayer meeting.

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While we may find it hard to understand the description of the event, there is one thing certain—the people who attended the meeting were profoundly changed. The weak emerged as strong persons; the fearful had new courage; the timid became bold, and those who were hesitant spoke with confidence. This change had come as the spirit of the living God became a reality to the small band of Jesus' followers.

This is the day which we call Pentecost. Many Christians refer to it as the Birthday of the Church for out of that prayer meeting came the spiritual power, the singleness of purpose and the positive Christian church. The account in Acts tells how Peter, the one who had denied Jesus three times, preached with such power when he left the Pentecost meeting "there were added that day about three thousa souls." Later in the day about 5,0 more were added to the number w believed.

The Christian movement has be built on such spiritual power. It came one of the distinguishing ch acteristics of The Methodist Chu and the factor which has caused it grow.

On June 6 your MYF should plan observe Pentecost.

★ Deepen your own spiritual and make prayer a part of your o experience. You find helpful guida in POWER. Read y Bible regularly. S gest that your family join in fam devotions.

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★ Encourage members of your M to attend church school, church w ship (morning and evening) and S day evening MYF. Make public nouncements. Appoint a calling c mittee to contact all MYF members.

★ Renew efforts to reach youth side the church. Appoint a commi to lay plans. Visit unchurched yo during week prior to June 6. H special recognition service on Jun for those who indicate that they p to join church. Work with your pa on plans for a Church Members Class. See *Handbook of the MYF*, 159-170, for specific suggestions reaching unchurched young people.

★ Mark the observance of Pentec in church school and church wors services. Check with your minist Have your chairman of Christian W ness lay plans with the Commission

abership and Evangelism for par- ation in the church-wide obser- e. Have a young person report on at Christ and the Church Mean to or other related topic.

hat would happen in your church if the observance of Pentecost would have the same results in your church that it had in Jerusalem in the year 30 A.D.?

—HAROLD W. EWING

e youthful accent

The key: adults

he church-wide youth Emphasis ch is occupying our concentrated ntion points up the strategic neces- for more and more adults who are ing to accept leadership in the th program. Within recent weeks writer shared with representa- s of 47 churches in the Jacksonville, rida, District, as we faced up to the onsibilities of adults who work n youth. We spent nearly ten hours ether during the week discussing hods, techniques, program and ritual dynamic, which are all need- in a youth fellowship.

Constantly we were brought back to realization that much more depends on the work of the adult leader than per- haps we see at first. Here is the key person any successful MYF. Blessed is that rch whose adults plan for and work h the youth of their congregation. fortunate indeed are those youth se church makes little provision their care and spiritual feeding. d short-sighted is that church.

We can plan all the youth emphasis want to but it takes no prophet to cern the trend toward failure where re are not enough adults who are erested, consecrated, and trained willing to be trained) to share in leadership of the youth program. y relationship I may have had to MYF organization set-up has al- ys been on the side of the demo- tic principles of operation in the uth organization. The Methodist uth Fellowship is truly "adults and uth working together in fellowship." d you cannot have a youth organi- ion of any effectiveness unless you have such adult sponsorship, you will have no difficulty finding and enlist- ing the youth. But youth without adult leaders soon disintegrate as a fellow- ship.

Normally this column's effort is di- rected to the young people themselves with the hopeful thought that many adult readers will look over our shoulders. But the situation is critical as regards adult workers with youth in Methodism and I am directing these words to the adults who scan these sentences. The success or failure of the Youth Emphasis, now or any time, will be spelled out with the active presence and participation of adult workers, or their failure to respond to the chal- lenge of today's youth.

In my opinion there is hardly a church in Methodism who could not make profitable use of additional adult workers with youth. The Methodist Church provides the finest church school literature you can secure (I'll defend that judgment any time, any- where!). The training opportunities for adult workers are available to every reader of this column. Certainly none of us needs to be reminded of the tremendous challenge which the surging multitude of youth today of- fers the church. Some adult is read- ing these lines who is under conviction that he isn't doing enough to share the lead of church leadership. There is a place for you in the leadership of the youth program in your church! Pick up the phone and call your pastor right now and make a date to discuss with him your willingness to be a conse- crated, trained, and willing worker with youth in your church.

—BY HOOVER RUPERT

Source of concern

'Charged fields'

In Hagedorn's poem, atom-fear shook up man till he tried to reach up and listen. The Lord has been telling him about the greater power that could control the atom—the soul-power packed behind ego-bars still awaiting release. "I keep shooting My rays toward the nucleus," says the Lord, while the stars in the sky seem to stand still and listen — "and the charged field keeps fending them off."

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. . . but quickly a shout goes up from somewhere deep within us, "Not I, Lord." "Take away those sins that . . ."

Yes, when we truly repent God is "faithful and just" to forgive our sins —"the minute, the *very* minute" we're sorry, as Peter John Marshall told his mother. (Memo to Youth Fellowships, and to youth in daily pauses for power —we too often omit this step of *confession* in our worship and prayer; or we go at it too lightly, casually. Takes honest-to-God courage!)

Major sins may be easier to deal with. But what about the excuses? The almost-rights? The "charged fields" we create around us until we become more and more insulated against the real God-rays?

One may be putting our trust in emotional glows or "peace within" and calling that spiritual life. Thank God for mighty, moving moments. But their purpose is soul-shock. Akin, in a sense, to the electric or insulin shock in dire mental difficulties—to shake up the organism, give a chance for new start. This summer there will be glory roads to camps and institutes, singing ecstasies, mountaintop majesties. These *can* pierce through to our deeper buried dreams and remake our very thought-patterns, our very self-role picture for life.

But only as we get past any caring how we feel, any caring what others think, any caring as to what this God-touch may require in life-changes. Like climbers baring their faces bravely t wind and storm, this "surrender" o self must be rigorous, vigorous. Ther have been this spring, and will b this summer, "revival" services fo youth; their object should not be th old-time emotionalism. Rather, swif resolute taking of stands for God an goodness, then working out into dail practices *as never before.*

Another "charged field" may be th pseudo-realities tha all but fool us in thinking they're th real thing — th prayer for missio that, unless w watch, causes us think we've becon missions minde when we haver even reached for o pocketbooks or fo lowed out that pu towards summe service or life commitment; the di cussion on alcoholism that was interesting and well attended — b what did the group decide and *do*? T almost too well-planned worship se vice in candlelight . . . You can a to the list . . . Our very basic secu ties . . . our very habit-ways in you work—are we letting any of them b come "charged fields?"

Miss Bowman

Karl Barth and his followers taug us something about how insiduous and insinuatingly pride may shut from God, even pride in how humb we are. Deeper, however, than despa is the life-giving Spirit itself—from rise "shoots of everlastingness" (s Revelation vi: 12-15, Jung's Nig Journey, the *Cloud of Unknowin* Saint John of the Cross, etc.) Th liferays are at work deep within us ours is trust in a *Living* God!

You've read and discussed about be liefs this spring; turn to the Old Testa ment, study up on backgrounds o prophets, feel with them their suffer ings. Journey with Job. Only as som of us become sufficiently *bereft* of a

, can the God-rays get through. ne have written about disappoint- nts, difficulties, dreams dashed: let ffering stab a shaft of space in your l for Power.

ame query soberly today, is it *good* a church to have such a boom in mbers, buildings, program, public- ? Good even for an MYF? Are we *fering* enough as would-be Christ- s today? What would happen if lves of youth and adult friends took etings out into slums? Matched ry word of worship services or dis- ssions with a deed of some kind? *hed* their leisure time, this very mer, (over and above all regular rch work) and went out to lead ups unused to the right kinds of reation? Youth hailed before juve- e courts last year almost equalled se in MYF's. How sorely are we suf- ing about this? Let us pierce ough charged fields of pseudo- isfaction with present organization, mbers, program—and charge out to fields! —BY CLARICE BOWMAN

Books of Concern

Folk Party Fun

Latest in the Association Press ies of recreation books is this handy ume with complete plans for 25 rties that are different. Real value the book is its world-wide scope d breadth of interest. The Chinese on Festival includes some tasty ipes, and every party plan is com- te. The parties come from 14 cul- es. Ten are for mixed groups, seven girls and women, and eight for ys and men. Dorothy Gladys Spicer the author. Price is $3.95.

The Prayer of the Church Universal

One of the most meaningful books of editations to appear in a long time mes from Marc Boegner, president of e French Protestant Federation and e of the presidents of the World uncil of Churches. Dr. Boegner's llume is a series of brief medita- ns on the Lord's Prayer. It is a de- tional book, a study book, an in- irational book—with one thread run- ng throughout, Christian unity. Dr. egner is widely read in Europe, but ly one other book has been publish- ed in English. *The Prayer of the Church Universal* is published this month by Abingdon Press, sells for $1.75.

Ethics in a Business Society

Older youth and MSM groups will find real value in discussing how Christian ethics fit in a society that is based on self-interest. Here is a challenging book that provokes thought and suggests answers. This book is one of a series of six volumes published by Harper and Brothers for the National Council of Churches on ethics and economics of society. Marquis W. Childs and Douglass Cater have done the church a real service in pointing up key issues. A reprint edition of their book has just come off the presses of the New American Library in their Mentor series, and makes the volume accessible to many people for only 35¢. CONCERN commends it highly to thinking people.

Creeds men live by

PROGRESS is the faithful belief that we are getting better and better every day in every way, no matter what! Time will right all wrongs! This religion destroys the sense of responsibility that men should have to work now in concrete ways for a more Godly society.

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Oxnam book speaks to current key issue

Of all the accused, subpoenaed and "invited" persons to appear before the House Un-American Activities committee, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was one of their most difficult witnesses.

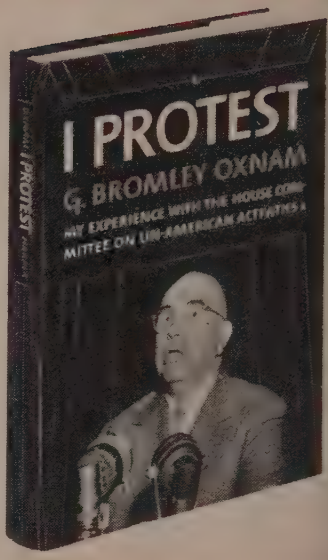
Admitting the right of Congress to make its own investigations and its freedom of inquiry, he nevertheless objected violently and eloquently to the methods used in some committees and the impact they were making on American traditions and the American spirit of fair play. In his last big date with the committee, in July, Bishop Oxnam's appearance unleashed a torrent of comment, both pro and con (but mostly pro) in the press, pulpit and all the communication channels of the nation. The reverberations are still in the air.

The current key issue is investigations — how to preserve freedom and still protect America from the threat of communist tyranny. To this hot subject Bishop Oxnam brings his own particular brand of heat, though tempered with cool conviction and edged with deadly serious purpose.

Just off the press is *I Protest*—"My Experience with the House Committee on Un-American Activities." This book is Bishop Oxnam's 186-page interpretation of what happened that July day and what it means to Americans and the American way of life.

In *I Protest*, Bishop Oxnam recounts his own experiences, with glints of irony and humor, in the committee chambers from 1946 until now. Most of the book is concerned with the threat to freedom which such investigations as presently conducted pose, and here the well-known eloquence and shrewd observation of Bishop Oxnam are displayed to the full. Throughout the book, he seeks to make clear again and again how the church has really fought communism and how its efforts compare with some of the purely political fights which have been present in both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Bishop Oxnam is a great churchman and a great American. He writes keenly, directly and to the point. *I Protest* is a fascinating, easy to read book which every youth and student leader



should see.

Bishop Oxnam is one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches, and is resident bishop of the Washington Area of The Methodist Church.

I Protest is published at $2.50 by Harper and Brothers and is available at any bookstore or the Methodist Publishing House nearest you.

Labels ready for offering jars

For many summers Methodist youth have been putting cans and jars and paper cups on dining room tables and snack counters of camps and conferences. These containers hold the nickels and dimes which youth share with the hungry and sick around the world.

Now the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has prepared attractive blue labels to wrap around the containers, inviting contributions.

Labels are free in quantity from the Youth Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Order some now for use this summer. Send money that is received to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

ia MYF gives rican scholarship

he Methodist Youth Fellowship in a has started a new project in ld fellowship.

student in Africa will be given a olarship to study in an Indian col- . Africa will pay for the student's sage to India, and the MYF in a will care for his expenses after arrives. Youth of each annual con- nce in India are undertaking to e a tenth (about $25) of the total ual expense.

reliminary plans call for a young n to study at Leonard Theological lege, Jabalpur, India.

YF campers hold thday party

Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate, I., was the scene of an unusual thday celebration two Saturdays ago. Observing the tenth anniversary of camp, 300 youth from the New gland Southern Conference held an ersgate reunion, at which they rked to improve the general camp- area and held an outdoor birthday ty.

The camp cook, Charles Miller of nitman, Mass., prepared a large cake the occasion, and youth groups ought gifts for the camp. An advance mp registration on Saturday after- on enabled youth to save $1 on their mping costs this summer. The out- or recreation program included soft- ll, folk games, volley ball, soccer, rseshoes, croquet, and group games.

MYF in action

The "Work and Play Days" event was planned by the conference youth council under leadership of Richard Colby, conference director of youth work, and Douglas Dorchester, executive secretary.

New England Southern Conference is sponsoring now an essay contest on "What Camp Aldersgate Really Means To Me," with competition for junior high youth, senior high youth, and adult leaders. Prizes are copies of the RSV Bible, autographed and personally presented by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Boston Area.

MYF Roundup

◆ The Stitzer, Wisc., MYF took a two-day chartered bus trip to Chicago last month to see the church at work in the Chicago area and to visit the tourist spots. Trip plans were begun last fall with an announcement that youth who attended at least 70 per cent of all MYF and church services would be eligible for the trip. About 20 youth (almost two-thirds of the MYF), the pastor, four other adult workers went along.

◆ Millersburg, Iowa, MYF had a basket supper on Easter evening, then presented to the church congregation a large display of crosses: cross wall plaques and mottoes, a traveling cross, crocheted cross book marks, cross pins, cross button, cross jewelry, a luminous cross, a cross hand-carved with a nail,

Southwest Missouri YF held its annual ama, oratorical, art d poster festival, and ong prizes was $25 iven Oakland MYF r its play. Citizen- ip chairman Winnie allion presents award Nancy Thompson of akland. At right are akland pastor Guy ompson and oratori- l contest winner Jer- Young. Left are the dges John Casey, ay Hine, Fred Ray.

and the lighted cross used at Christmas. Millersburg has an active MYF in a small church.

◆ Delton Pickering of New Orleans was named president of the Louisiana Conference MYF at the annual meeting May 1 in Alexandria. Other new officers include Suzanne Lindsey of Bernice, treasurer, Ruby Ann Barnes of Shreveport, secretary, and Stephen Andry of New Orleans, vice president. Conference speaker was Dr. Harry Denman of the General Board of Evangelism.

◆ Oratorical contest in the Southwest Missouri Conference was on temperance theme, with prizes awarded by the conference board of temperance. District winners received scholarships to the conference summer youth camp at Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., and the conference winner received an expense paid trip to the National Youth School of Alcohol Studies at Ohio Wesleyan University. (See picture page 13.)

◆ House of Reps, annual business meeting of the California-Nevada Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and Wesley Fellowship, met May 14-16 at First church and rented buildings in Albany, Calif. Conference, district and subdistrict officers, local presidents, two representatives from local Wesley Fellowships, and district directors of youth work were on hand. Responsibilities of House of Reps include evaluating all phases of youth program, electing conference officers (in separate sections for MYF and W. F. groups), taking stands on issues of Christian concern, and recommending changes in youth program of the conference.

◆ Over twice as many older youth in the Southern California-Arizona Conference attended two spring convoca tions than in any year before. Som 96 older youth from 11 churches me at Tempe in March to hear Owen Gee of Fullerton, and 246 older youth fro 39 churches met at Huntington in Apr to hear Robert Moon of San Leandr

◆ The first spiritual life retrea held by the Southern California Arizona MYF just for high school stu dents brought 12 youth together las month. With Richard Edgar as leade youth set up their own schedules, chos study and discussion topics, and the concentrated on prayer and Bible stud

◆ Some 1800 youth of the Pittsburg Conference attended their annua Youth Fund rally April 25. A progra of singing, worship and an address b Bethany College president Perry Gre ham preceded the summary of MYFun reports. When the figures were in, th goal of $12,000 had been passed an the year's total was climbing to $13 250.00.

◆ Simpson church MYF in Minn apolis has 37 members of its thre MYF groups, and this year their co tributions to the Methodist Yout Fund total $106.00. Money was re ceived from members' offerings, special offering at the Easter sunri service, and special projects.

◆ Cisco, Tex., district heard Bisho William C. Martin speak on "Yout and the World" at their annual ba quet April 19. Some 300 youth a adult leaders attended. Subdistri meetings in March centered on the N tional Council of Churches, and havi the president of the National Counc at the April district meeting was a occasion of real interest to the yout District project is buying sewing m chines to send to Korea through MCO

The verse - speaking choir of Washington Avenue church in Kansas City, Kans., appeared in an Easter pageant, are now working on a program for Kansas Conference youth night. All members of the choir are active in the MYF. Their director is Mrs. Maxine Bowers.

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d work camp

udents from three Texas universi-held a four-day work camp of their in Monterrey, Mexico. Their work repairing a road leading to a sum-camp and building a shower house he local community center.

onsored by the University of s Wesley Foundation, the work brought together 33 students Southern Methodist, Southwest-and the University of Texas.

ne six-week MSM work camp will held at this site during summer, this weekend work camp took care ome preliminary matters—includ-constructing a rock wall to keep tock out of the swimming water. ne language barrier was hard to come, but the campers managed ommunicate with their hosts, re-ed a new understanding of brother-l in spite of differences in langu-and cultural backgrounds.

wrence recording
w available

s the school year closes, Methodist ents on many campuses are getting ther to talk about the highlights he year. Something new is being on some campuses—to bring into s again the national MSM confer-at Lawrence, Kansas.

hat something new is a recording excerpts from major conference ches, group singing of hymns, and e of the great music from the con-nce chorus.

ew officers of the th Carolina MSM Chandler Bryon, ld Christian com-nity; Jean Ayres, president; Louis ls, president; Kay ler, secretary; Sal-o Bookhardt; treas-; Charles Barrett, licity chairman. e conference was l at Wofford Col-in Spartanburg.

MSM in action

The record is 12 inch, non-breakable vinylite, long-playing (33⅓ r.p.m.). At-cost price is $5 prepaid to those in the MSM, $7.50 to others. Orders should be sent with cash payment to the Department of College and University Religious Life, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

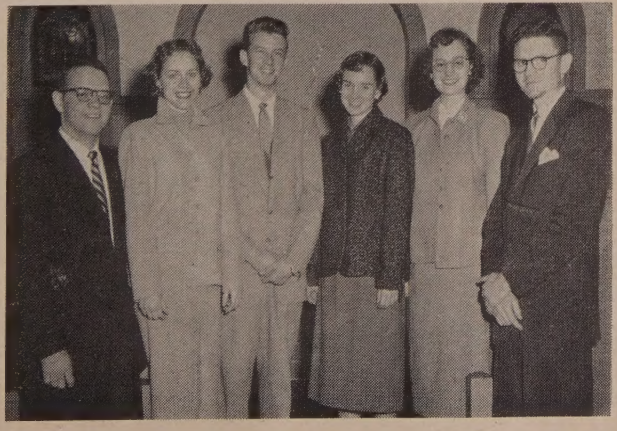
MSM Roundup

◆ George Tanner of Fordyce, Ark., junior ministerial student at Hendrix College, was elected president of the Arkansas MSM at its April 23-25 meeting in Jonesboro First Church. Some 150 delegates heard Texas MSM Director Sterling Wheeler discuss "His Will To Triumph Through Us."

◆ Robert Hamill was platform leader at the Indiana MSM conference in Terre Haute March 26-28. The 175 delegates elected Joe Richard of Purdue the state president.

◆ "God-plus-You-plus-the-Campus" was theme for West Virginia state MSM meeting at Jackson's Mill. Platform leader was Dr. Carl Sanders, pastor of Broad Street church in Richmond, Va.

◆ The 42 students at Wesley house on the farm campus of the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, voted to give their winter quarter patronage rebates back to Wesley to help pay the building debt. Total contributions were $999, due the students as rebates for co-operative buying.



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